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Subject: STIP Seward Highway Improvements / Girdwood to Alaska

Dear Sirs:

My wife, son and I are residents of Girdwood and all three of us commute to Anchorage on a daily basis. I was very upset to learn that the Seward Highway improvements between Anchorage and Girdwood will not be finished.

The traffic will only increase as time goes by. Municipality of Anchorage's plan to dispose of Heritage Land Bank Property to the public will increase Girdwood to Anchorage traffic threefold in the next few years. And the Alyeska Ski Resort is growing with traffic increasing in both the winter and summer months. The City of Whittier is receiving more visitors each summer season.

The reasons for moving forward with the STIP Seward Highway Improvements are many. To not do so would be a detriment to the community of Girdwood and to the State Transportation Improvement Plan. I urge you to reconsider and not remove the Bird Creek to Potter Marsh improvements from the State Plan.

Sincerely,



Mark Saugstad
Girdwood Resident

